

GARRETT NORMAN SOULEN AND MICHAEL HARVEY
SOULEN

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to be printed

Mr. FEIGHAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 1484]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill
(H. R. 1484) for the relief of Garrett Norman Soulen and Michael
Harvey Soulen, having considered the same, report favorably thereon
with an amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof
the following:

That reentry permits issued pursuant to section 223 of the
Immigration and Nationality Act for Garrett Norman Soulen
and Michael Harvey Soulen shall be valid until such time as
they become ten years of age, or until such time as their
adoptive father, Garrett H. Soulen, resumes permanent
residence in the United States, whichever date occurs
earlier.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill, as amended, is to extend the validity of
reentry permits, issued pursuant to section 223 of the Immigration
and Nationality Act, in the cases of Garrett Norman Soulen and
Michael Harvey Soulen, the adopted children of Mr. and Mrs.
Garrett H. Soulen, until such time as the children become 10 years
of age, or until their adoptive father resumes permanent residence in
the United States.

As introduced, H. R. 1484 was designed to waive the residential
requirements for naturalization in behalf of the beneficiaries. The
committee, in accordance with established precedents, has amended
the bill to provide that their reentry permits may be valid until such
time as they are 10 years of age.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiaries, Garrett Norman Soulen and Michael Harvey Soulen, are 5 and 3 years of age, respectively, and are the adopted children of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett H. Soulen, citizens of the United States. Mr. Soulen is in the diplomatic service of the United States.

The pertinent facts in this case are contained in a letter dated November 2, 1954, from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization to the then chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary regarding a bill (H. R. 7889) pending during the 83d Congress for the relief of the same persons. That letter, and accompanying memorandum, reads as follows:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER,
Washington 25, D. C., November 2, 1954.

HON. CHAUNCEY W. REED,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington 25, D. C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request of the Department of Justice for a report relative to the bill (H. R. 7889) for the relief of Garrett Norman Soulen and Michael Harvey Soulen, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiaries. This memorandum has been prepared from the Immigration and Naturalization Service files relating to the beneficiaries by the San Antonio, Tex., office of this Service, which has custody of those files.

The bill would waive the residential provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to the naturalization of children adopted by United States citizens, which provisions require that the adopted child shall, subsequent to such adoption, have resided continuously in the United States in the legal custody of the adoptive parent or parents for 2 years prior to the date of filing the petition for naturalization, and shall have been physically present in the United States for 1 year during the 2-year period immediately preceding the filing of such petition.

Sincerely,

_____, *Commissioner.*

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE GARRETT NORMAN
SOULEN AND MICHAEL HARVEY SOULEN, BENEFICIARIES
OF H. R. 7889

The beneficiaries, Garrett Norman Soulen, age 3 years, and Michael Harvey Soulen, age 1 year, are natives and citizens of Germany. The first-named beneficiary was born on March 3, 1951, and the second named on February 26, 1953. They were adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Garrett H. Soulen, the parties interested in their cases. Their files reveal nothing as to their parentage or background. They were admitted to the United States as immigrants for permanent residence on April 10, 1954. About July 1, 1954, they

departed from the United States for Karachi, Pakistan, at which place the adoptive father is a diplomatic official in the American Embassy.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett H. Soulen are United States citizens. Mr. Soulen was born on February 8, 1915, at Milwaukee, Wis. Mrs. Soulen was born on January 28, 1909, at Ironwood, Mich. From 1939 to 1947, Mr. Soulen was a student and later an instructor at the A. and M. College of Texas, College Station, Tex. His stay at the A. and M. College of Texas was interrupted by a period of service in the United States Army, the length of which service is not indicated in the files. Since 1947 he has been in the diplomatic service of the United States, being stationed variously in Russia, Washington, India, and at his present post in Pakistan.

Mr. Teague of Texas, the author of this bill, submitted the following letter in support of his measure:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D. C., January 19, 1956.

Hon. EMANUEL CELLER,
Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary,
Washington 25, D. C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In the 83d Congress I introduced a private bill for the relief of Garrett Norman Soulen and Michael Harvey Soulen, the adopted sons of a United States citizen serving in the Foreign Service of the State Department. The purpose of the bill was to hold that these children meet the requirements set forth in section 343 of the Immigration and Nationality Act and that they be eligible to have petitions filed in their behalf for the purpose of securing American citizenship. The reason for the introduction of this bill was that, due to the parents being in the Foreign Service of the United States, they could not be in this country for a sufficient amount of time to allow the children to meet the residential requirements. No action was taken on this bill in the 83d Congress.

I reintroduced the bill in the 84th Congress and it is H. R. 1484 and is presently pending before your committee. I realize that present laws are rather lenient with respect to adopted children of United States citizens, but in view of extenuating circumstances and posts of duty of the parents of these children, I respectfully request that some consideration be given to this private bill.

For your information, at the present time Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Soulen are in the American Embassy in Karachi, Pakistan, and the two adopted children are with them. Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

OLIN E. TEAGUE, *Congressman.*

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, the committee is of the opinion that H. R. 1484, as amended, should be enacted and accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.

